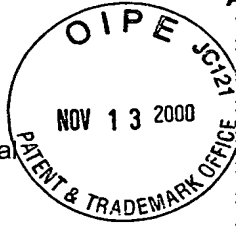


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By Mark D. Elchuk

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice To File Missing Parts mailed August 31, 2000, the undersigned hereby requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the referenced Office Notice. Please consider this our authorization to charge deposit account 02-2548 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee associated with filing this Request. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed August 31, 2000, please consider this our authorization to charge deposit account 02-2548 in the amount of \$130.00 (surcharge) to cover the fees associated with the filing of this application. Also enclosed is an executed Assignment and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.



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Sir:

The Examiner is advised that the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 has come to the attention of Applicant and/or Applicant's attorney.

The patents cited herein have been organized in several groups. Group "A" contains patents believed to be most closely related to the present invention, and particularly to the construction of removable dirt holding implements used with hand held vacuum cleaning devices.

The patents of Group "B" are directed specifically to arrangements for securing a dirt holding implement to a housing of a vacuum cleaning device.

The patents of Group "C" are directed specifically to various designs of filters used with vacuum cleaning devices.

The patents of Group "D" are miscellaneous patents relating to vacuum cleaning devices or subcomponents thereof.

While the patents of Group A are believed to be the most relevant to the subject matter of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to review all of the references submitted herewith for consideration and to make an independent determination as to the relevance of each.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file are patentably distinct over the following references whether considered either singly or in combination with any other reference.

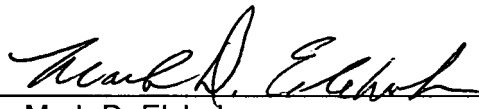
The foregoing references are being cited without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render same obvious, either singly or in any combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

In the event a first Office Action has been mailed on this matter the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 02-2548 for any fees owing. A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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